

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of March 12, 2009 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 2 is amended at line 7 to replace "an action" with --the action--, and to specify that the security fields have write restrictions associated with them which prevent values in the security fields being adjusted in accordance with the first and second messages as claimed, that the first message results in first and second adjusted values in the security fields, that the second message results in third and fourth adjusted values in the security fields, and that the first and second adjusted values are different than the third and fourth adjusted values, respectively. Support for these amendments can be found at paragraphs [7166]-[7188] of the specification;

the second instance of withdrawn claim 12 is amended to be correctly labelled claim --13--; and

dependent claims 4-7 and 15-18 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding Claim Objections

It is respectfully submitted that the amendment of claim 2 to replace "an action" with --the action-- at line 7 and of the second instance of withdrawn claim 12 to be correctly labelled claim --13--, provide the corrections required by the Examiner.

Regarding 35 USC 112, second paragraph Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the amendment of claim 2 to specify that the security fields have write restrictions associated with them which prevent values in the security fields being adjusted in accordance with the first and second messages as claimed, clarifies the manner in which the write restrictions prevent adjustment.

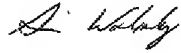
Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 2, and dependent claims 4-7 and 15-18, is not taught or suggested by Serizawa in view of Kane, Kane merely discloses that if a "message" is not received a request is sent for the re-sending of the same "message" (see col. 7, lines 9-63), such that in the Examiner's combination of Serizawa of Kane the "first" and "second" messages are the same and as such would adjust values in security fields by the same amounts, not different amounts are required by the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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